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Dear Fred:

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By: *oof*
Date: *31/01/79*

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Thanks very much for your letter of 11 December 1957. We have also received the model of the building and are very pleased with it. I understand that it made a most favorable impression at the Fine Arts Commission when it was presented there on 19 December.

I have given careful consideration to your suggestion that the private elevator be moved so as to locate it within a main elevator penthouse. Although this would not inconvenience those visitors who entered the building through the garage entrance, in all probability a far greater number would enter through the main lobby and would have to walk a considerable distance to reach my office. This is undesirable if it can be avoided. I would also be reluctant to change the presently proposed layout of the offices on the seventh floor which will afford the desired working relationship between components. For these reasons I believe that the elevator location which you have worked out on the approved tentatives is most desirable.

I agree with the thought expressed in your letter to the effect that the additional penthouse required for a normal type elevator serving my office from the main lobby might be objectionable. It is my understanding that the Public Buildings Service has previously objected to the use of an underslung elevator and believes that an elevator with basement machinery would be slightly more costly to install and maintain. However, I am informed that as a result of recent discussions between Max Abramovitz, representatives of the Public Buildings Service, and our Building Planning Staff it has been agreed that further consideration should be given to the use of basement-type equipment. I, of course, leave the architectural details to your judgment, but do hope that you will be able to work this out satisfactorily.

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Sincerely;

Signed

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Director

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